

## UP TO CASS

### On a Ministerial Pilgrimage.

#### The Dedication, Other Items and Personal.

Saturday July 23, it was my pleasure in compliance with a pressing invitation to visit the town of Cass on the upper Greenbrier to arrange for boarding the train at the Marlinton station.

Being pay day as I was informed by the agent, the train would be 30 or 40 minutes late and so there was time to look around. Three or four lady teachers were among those waiting for the train. They had been attending the examination required by the new and advanced order of educational affairs. I sincerely hope when they hear from Charleston that all their anxious forebodings were useless that results will be things of good cheer and encouragement in their useful service as teachers of Pocahontas schools. My notice was called to one of them as having recently posed in some successful detective work, that will be talked about for the next hundred years. I felt like repeating to her by way of good cheer and approval, a quotation from the hymn soldiers of the cross used to sing so much in all this region fifty years ago.

"Thy saints in all this glorious war,  
Shall conquer though they die,  
They see the triumph from afar,  
With faith's discerning eye."

That triumph may yet be so far away, that before it be achieved streams of blood may flow, myriads of promising lives blighted the hearts of unnumbered mothers wives and sisters broken, thousands of aged fathers with their gray hairs go down mourning to their graves. Nevertheless, so sure as Christ lives the triumph is coming through the power of the Lord Jehovah.

On the train it was my pleasure to meet Rev. H. W. McLaughlin of Kentucky, on his way to Cass to dedicate a new church an enterprise he and his helpers inaugurated three or four years since.

Once at Cass I had scarcely touched the ground ere I found myself in the hands of numerous friends, ladies and gentlemen.

Bro. Watkins took me in charge and had me away to the magnificent Cass hotel, now managed by James Kirkpatrick rapidly becoming known as the Delmonico of the Greenbrier Valley.

Two strangers, a lady and gentleman who seemed to be touring the Greenbrier, were at the table. The lady observed to her fellow traveler, "It just does a body good to stop at a place like this." "Why so madam?" "Because I am made to feel so much at home, I am enjoying my dinner with such a homelike feeling."

Bro. Watkins with his hands so full of business, having seen that I was well provided for in the way of "eatins," left me in company with Dr. Hill of Marlinton, on his professional rounds in dentistry. Presenting me an excellent cigar the doctor and I had our smoke of peace and good fellowship on the piazza that commands such a charming prospect.

This young Pocahontas professional man is a cineal descendant of Richard Hill, the Revolutionary soldier and veteran pioneer of what is now Pocahontas county. Many friends hope he may be a worthy scion of an ancestry so noble.

Late in the afternoon Bro. Watkins looked me up and piloted me to what was to be my home during my sojourn in the town and introduced me to the lady of the house who had put herself to much pains to make matters pleasant for her ministerial guest, that she had been looking for.

To my pleasant surprise it turned out to be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Conrad. Mr. Conrad was about Marlinton a few years ago, operating a saw mill for Hon. Henry A. Yeager. After many changes of abode from one booming town to another much sickness in his family, the death of Sidney his only son at the age of five years and the loss of his own right eye. Ben Conrad now lives in his own cottage home close by the company store and seems to be "suffering from comfort" as everything about him appears to be so plentiful and cozy.

groups appeared on the roads coming in from the country around and from that on the scenes become very animated, indeed in every direction. The remark was made by those who had frequented like occasions that a more orderly and attractive assembly they had never witnessed anywhere, north or south.

The services rendered by the ushers could not be surpassed, Messrs Matthews, Dr. Arbuckle, George Oliver, Elmer Burner, Charles Arbuckle and possibly others not known to the writer served in that useful capacity, and everything worked like a charm.

The pulpit steps and platform were occupied by the little girls in their white dresses, pink and blue sashes, and hats profusely trimmed all produced an effect vastly more effective than potted plants of rarest varieties could have realized.

Dick Lewis led the service of praise, Mrs. English presided at the organ aided by the Misses Moore of Driftwood and a gentleman with a cornet.

The solo rendered by Miss Moore during the collection, was quite impressive and appropriate. The writer feels that it would be hard to surpass the spirit and tone with which the services were opened Sunday morning by singing the thrice holy anthem of invocation.

"Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee!  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,  
All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!"

When the audience dispersed at the conclusion of the two and a half hours services the whole town was ready with pressing invitations ample preparations to welcome the visitors to their homes and share the good cheer provided with hospitable intents.

A service for men only was arranged for 3 p. m. when the house was well filled and a very impressive address was listened to from Joshua's words at a very critical point in his illustrious history as the successor of Moses.

"And if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose ye this day whom ye will serve but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

The claims of the world and Christ were presented in contrast and the hearer urged to decide this day whom he would serve.

Joshua recognized no neutral ground, our Lord recognized none and so men must have a religion, the religion of Satan or the religion of Christ.

All the liberty there is in the matter men have an option as to which they might prefer.

During the interval between the three p. m. service and sunset, the walks were thronged with promenaders and many people visited the big mill.

From the Conrad cottage porch nestled on the hill side, I had a fine opportunity to make observations and I made the most of it for the benefit of my readers, as well as for myself.

In plain view by the river side and shadowed by maple trees were the quarters occupied by the Austrians and Poles who make up the night shift on the mill.

These people seemed happy as the day was long and were the observed of many observers. Five or six of the young men extemporized a band and promenade the track to the music of an accordion and tamborine. As I did not recognize the tune I ventured to express the opinion it was one of their own manufacture, for it was all Austrian or Polish for me, or in other words it was all Dutch.

Farther down near the lower end of the dock there are quarters occupied by colored people. Next to the Austrians they were the happiest people anywhere in view for the time being.

They seemed to be the fortunate owners of a graphophone and from the way it sounded in my ears two or three hundred yards away it must be a good one. For hours this group of colored people were entertained by orations, humorous dialogues, banjo solos, and band music, discoursing marches and patriotic airs.

The telephone and the graphophone put me to my studies more than anything that has come my way for a long while as to the possibilities of the future. Something very wonderful must be on the way if the locomotive, the telegraph, the telephone and the graphophone be the shadows thrown before. Some one has wisely remarked: "Coming events cast their shadows before."

Now if such be the shadows what must the realities be! The reader is left to figure it all out for himself. It does not matter what one may forecast of the future, so he makes it big and bad enough, hoping for the best, yet prepar-

ing for the grand and terrible worst that is on the way, and may not be so very far removed, either.

The amiable Longfellow, who among American poets holds a first place in the hearts of his more refined and cultured countrymen, forecasts the future but he only tells us what he desired to hear and he would not open ear, or be conscious of anything else, when he wrote these charming lines:

"Down the dark future through long generations  
The sounds of war grow fainter  
and then cease,  
And like a bell with solemn sweet vibrations  
I hear once more the voice of Christ say 'Peace.'"

Had he given due attention to the more sure word of prophecy as to a light shining in a dark place he could have heard much very unlike, "Solemn sweet vibrations."

Had Longfellow opened his ear to the portentous words our Lord spoke on the witness stand before Pontius Pilate: "My kingdom is not of this world, if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews, but now is my kingdom not from hence." John 18:36. Our Redeemer meant by world the age or dispensation then passing, as well as now the current age.

The implication manifestly is that if His kingdom had been of the current age His servants would have been expected to fight. Christ's kingdom is the "stone kingdom" that is to come, and whenever the world or age comes of which His is to be the kingdom then will His servants fight if need be.

The twelve legions of angels are among the servants He refers to, and they will be much in evidence as well as the might of His own right arm and the brightness of His coming. To me it looks passing strange that Longfellow would hear nothing but solemn sweet vibrations from the hostile battle scenes characterizing the age or world of which Christ's will be the kingdom as delineated in the Second Psalm when the Gentiles will rage and the people imagine vain things and gather themselves together against the Lord, and against His anointed, such is a sample of the reveries that may occupy the mind on a Sabbath evening as the light of the bright ideal day fades away and before the trumpeting of the incoming train break on the ears of the hundreds waiting and anxious to be speeding homeward.

When all becomes quiet and all the air a solemn stillness holds the interesting object that now emerges into view is Amos Gillespie, the night watchman beginning his lonely round until the day dawns and shadows flee away.

There are several points he must visit every hour and at each point he presses a key that responds and makes a register that tells in the morning whether he has been true to his trust.

If he be five minutes late there is a blank. The contrivance is simply wonderful and suggestive of useful moralizings.

A few years since Mr. Gillespie came near losing his life by falling from the dock while on his rounds. There is some mystery as to how it all happened but he scouts the idea of any foul play for he cannot think it is possible for him to have an enemy so dangerous. But the fact is that men as harmless and well disposed as Mr. Gillespie have been dealt with in very treacherous ways and so it would be well to be on the lookout no matter where we may be and whatever our calling, and it is ever wise to subject some danger near, where we may be having most delight.

Were the writer to attempt jotting down all that he would like to pencil about the many pleasant people he has known previously and the new friends he met with during his recent visit to Cass the printers ink would fall and so the line must draw here. W. T. P.

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Commissioner's Office, Marlinton, W. Va., July 25, 1904.  
Andrew Price, Adm. N. S. Clutter, de'ed.,  
vs.  
N. S. Clutter's Heirs.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered at the June Term 1904, of said court, I will proceed at my office in the court house at Marlinton, West Virginia, on

SEPTEMBER 3, 1904,  
to take state and report to the said court at its next term thereof the following matters of account, to-wit:

First—An account settling the accounts of Andrew Price, Administrator of N. S. Clutter, deceased.

Second—The fee simple and annual rental value of the real estate of which N. S. Clutter, died seized together with the quantity, location and description.

Third—The debts owing by the said N. S. Clutter at the date of his death, together with their respective amounts and priorities.

Fourth—The amount of tax liens on the land in possession of N. S. Clutter before his death, apportioning the same between that owned by N. S. Clutter in fee simple and that owned by him as a life estate which tax liens are paramount liens on said real estate.

Fifth—Any other matter not specially stated deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required by any party to be stated.

At which time and place you all may attend.

T. S. McNEEL,  
Commissioner.

Notice to Creditors.  
To the creditors of N. S. Clutter, deceased:

In pursuance to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, made in a cause therein pending, to subject the real estate of the said N. S. Clutter to the payment of his debts, you are required to present your claims against the estate of the said N. S. Clutter for adjudication to T. S. McNeel, commissioner, at his office in said county on or before the 3rd day of September, 1904.

Witness, J. H. Patterson, clerk of the said court, this 25th day of July, 1904.

J. H. PATTERSON,  
Clerk.

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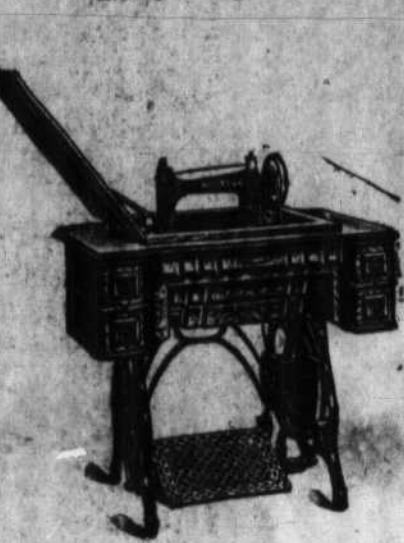
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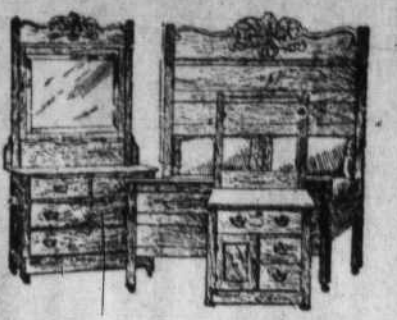


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